

# THE FEDERAL MINE SAFETY AND HEALTH ACT OF 1977

Our Mine Safety  
and Health  
Administration  
ensures that  
miners return  
home at the end  
of every shift.  
Since 1977,  
mine fatality rates  
have decreased by 82%.

The Federal Mine Safety and Health Act of 1977 fortified worker protections for all miners. It strengthened the civil penalty assessments process for safety violations, and called for training and retraining of miners, compensation when a mine is idled for safety violations, and enhanced anti-discrimination provisions.

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THEN NOW NEXT

